



ASSOCIATION
OF AMERICAN
RAILROADS

Office of Information
and Public Affairs
1920 L Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036
(202) 835-9555

818183
A3275-2

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WASHINGTON, August 4, 1983 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 30 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, the highest individual week since the week ended February 27, 1982 and 9.5 percent above the corresponding period a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1983 was an estimated 464.4 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 30 totaled 381,144 cars, 5.4 percent over 1982, and 3.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.1 percent in the East, 2.0 percent in the South and 10.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1982, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were up, including metallic ores, 60.4 percent; lumber and wood products, 21.9 percent; crushed stone, gravel and sand, 20.0 percent; and stone, clay and glass products, 13.3 percent. Grain loadings were up 3.2 percent and other farm products increased 40.9 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 23 totaled 45,650 cars, up 24.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1982, and 79,311 trailers and/or containers, 22.3 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 1,251,528 cars, 20.1 percent higher than last year, and 2,152,939 trailers and/or containers, up 16.5 percent.

(more)

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/30/83:

	Loadings in Week ended July 30, 1983			Change from Corresponding Week 1982		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	28,096	I		879	3.2	D	1,686
Other farm products	4,214	I		1,224	40.9	D	18
Metallic ores	20,311	I		7,645	60.4	D	582
Coal	107,633	D		4,640	4.1	I	9,344
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,270	I		1,881	20.0	D	154
Nonmetallic minerals	12,162	I		974	8.7	D	203
Grain mill products	11,315	D		126	1.0	D	16
Food and kindred products	11,630	D		1,279	9.9	I	529
Primary forest products	14,689	D		767	5.0	D	335
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,084	I		1,453	21.9	I	955
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,265	D		989	6.1	I	440
Chemicals and allied products	22,752	I		2,275	11.1	I	2,424
Petroleum products	4,634	D		147	3.1	I	246
Stone, clay and glass products	11,498	I		1,353	13.3	I	267
Coke	5,213	I		583	12.6	D	310
Metals and products	8,337	I		23	0.3	I	526
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,955	I		1,008	7.2	I	199
Waste and scrap materials	7,995	I		977	13.9	D	287
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,132	D		194	2.3	I	404
All other carloads	52,696	I		8,393	18.9	I	1,233
LCL traffic	263	D		1,019	79.5	I	48
Total Cars Loaded	381,144	I		19,507	5.4	I	13,024

Corresponding week of 1982 361,637

	<u>1983</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	10,548,666	11,105,355	D 5.0

Estimated revenue ton-miles
(in billions):

29 weeks ended July 23	447.4	457.5	D 2.2
Week ended July 30	17.0	15.5	I 9.5
30 weeks cumulative	464.4	473.0	D 1.8